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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I have just returned and received the envelope containing your very gracious personal note. Please do not be concerned that my feelings have been in any way hurt. I assure you, they have not. I mention the matter to you solely in the interest of the station so that other people will not be neglected. I think you will find that most visitors like myself prefer the privacy which they get little enough of on an official trip. I do, however, wish to be sure that all field stations treat all visitors from headquarters in the spirit of being guests of the station. Any headquarters guest who imposes upon field stations under such circumstances is not fit to represent us. I cannot believe that any headquarters staff has erred in this direction because the problem at every other station I have visited right around the world has been the other way,-- the field Chiefs have tried to be host to an embarrassing content.

This is irrelevant to my official inspection which was aimed solely at getting a first-hand view of the assets and potential assets in the field. Your area is, as you know, one of the sickest we have from this viewpoint. In my opinion, it is far too important an area to permit this to be said and I am recommending that we reassess our objectives, if the policy makers feel as I do about the importance of the area, and that we revise our whole approach.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Stuart Hedden

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